The operationalisation of sanctioned Anganwadi Centres was slow until recently. However, as a result of concerted efforts of the Government, the pace of operationalisation of Anganwadi Centres has now picked up. As a result, number of operational Anganwadi Centres has increased from 5.46 lakh at the end of 9th plan to 6.74 lakh as on 31.08.2004.

Some of the States are not providing supplementary nutrition as per norms of the Scheme. The matter is being pursued with them to ensure compliance of the norms.

Tribal Universities

*170. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider to establish Tribal Universities in the country including for technical education; and

(b) if so, whether any concrete policy would be evolved soon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The Central Government may either establish a University by or under a Central Act or declare, on the advice of the University Grants Commission, an institution of higher education to be a 'deemed to be University'. A Central University is established to correct regional imbalances or to cover large gaps in the educational map of India, thereby ensuring a balanced growth of higher education in all parts of the country. Several institutions of higher studies, including Central Universities, State Universities and 'Deemed to be Universities' such as the National Institutes of Technology, are located in areas predominantly inhabited by Scheduled Tribes. In view of the foregoing, the Government have no proposal to establish a tribal University.

Allotment of land by land and development office

*172. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered a probe into the cases of allotment of land made by the Land and Development Office since 1998-99;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Committee probing into the matter had submitted any report and if so, the details thereof and if not, by when it is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Government has appointed a one man Committee comprising of Shri Yogesh Chandra, IAS (Retd.) to enquire into the cases of allotment of land made by Land and Development Office (L&DO) to various social, cultural, religious, educational institutions since 1998-99. The terms of reference of the Committee are:—

(i) to review all the cases of land allotted by L&DO to social, cultural, religious, educational institutions, since 1998-99 and till date, with reference to the prevailing procedure for allotment of land;

(ii) recommend action in cases where deviations from the prescribed procedure and/or fulfilment of conditions of allotment are observed;

(iii) suggest guidelines for allotment of land in future by the Land and Development Office in a fair, objective and transparent manner.

The Committee has not submitted its report so far. It is expected to do so soon.

Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana

*173. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have introduced a new scheme called Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana through foreign trade policy with a primary aim to boost exports of fruits, vegetables and flowers;

(b) whether Government are giving any duty exemption for exporting these products;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount that has been spent on producing horticulture products during the last three years, year-wise?